



MEDICAL CLERKSHIP ORIENTATION

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Agenda

Month 1	
10:30 am	Medical Service Office (4A-155) - Check-in with Mr. Thompson. -Complete VAMC Form 0711 -Make appointment for getting ID badge -Confirm all previously submitted documents are in order
11:00 am	Morning Report (Medical Service Conference Room)
12:00 pm	Orientation with Drs. Chretien and Croffoot (Medical Service Conference Room)
1:00 pm	CPRS training (Clinical Informatics Training Room 4B-209)
Month 2	
8:00 am	Medical Service Office (4A-155) - Check-in with Mr. Thompson. -Complete VAMC Form 0711 -Make appointment for getting ID badge -Confirm all previously submitted documents are in order
11:00 am	Morning Report (Medical Service Conference Room)
12:00 pm	Orientation with Drs. Chretien and Croffoot (Medical Service Conference Room)
1:00 pm	CPRS training (Clinical Informatics Training Room 4B-209)

Scheduled Conferences (Mandatory):

Morning Report (Medical Service Office Conference Room): Weekdays, 11:00 am – 12:00pm. (Excused post-night call days).

Chief Resident Didactics (Medical Service Office Conference Room): Mondays and Wednesdays 1-2 pm. 8 topics covered by the chief medical residents (How to read EKGs, CXRs, etc), coordinated with GW and Fairfax.

Noon lectures: Part of our intern survival series. Basic topics. Lunch provided when there is noon conference.

Bedside Rounds (Medical Service Office): First 3 Thursdays 2-3 pm except for POM days and last Thursday before shelf exam. Meet in Medical Service Office; we'll divide from there.

Narrative Medicine (Medical Service Office Conference Room): 1st and 3rd Fridays from 2-3 pm.

Typical Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0800	Rounds	Rounds	Rounds	Rounds	Rounds
1100	Morning Report	Morning Report	Morning Report	Morning Report	Morning Report
1200		Noon lecture	Noon Lecture		Noon Lecture
1300	Chief Resident lecture		Chief Resident lecture		
1400				Bedside Rounds (weeks 1, 2, 3)	Narrative Medicine (weeks 1, 3)

Helpful information for the wards:

Team makeup: 1 resident (GW, GT, or Walter Reed), 2 interns, 1 attending, multiple students.

Call schedule: 6 day cycle

1. Night Call (Team admits 3pm-7am); Resident here overnight. Interns leave at 7pm.
2. Post-Call
3. Regular work day
4. Day Call (7 am to 3 pm)
5. Post-day call (Regular work day)
6. Regular work day/pre-call

Radiology Dictations: You can hear dictations by calling x5-8677 or 5-8678, dial #199, then 1+ SSN. Press 3 to rewind, 5 for the next dictation.

Mid-Month Feedback Forms: Please have your attending and resident complete one of these forms around mid-way through your rotation to be able to get specific feedback about your performance. Make a copy for yourself/Dana Brent and leave one copy with Dr. Chretien for your file.

Other Information

Parking: Parking is available at Soldier's Home, which is off N. Capitol Street. There are shuttles from the lot to the medical center. Shuttles run from 6am-8pm. In peak hours (6-10am; 3-6pm), the shuttle runs every 5 minutes. During off-hours, it runs every 15 minutes. See map for directions.

Security: You may arrange for a police escort to the parking lot at all hours. Go to police station, across from the ER, or call x5-8189, and ask for an escort. If you ever feel threatened, or need immediate police help, but need discretion, call x5-8189 and ask for "Dr. Armstrong."

Days off: MSIII students get 4 days off per 4 week rotation.

Professionalism: As part of a professional environment, and to show respect to your patients, professional attire is expected. Scrubs may only be worn on long call. Cutting and pasting of other people's notes is plagiarism. If you need to quote someone else's writing, there needs to be quotes around the passage and give credit to who wrote it originally.

Grading: Clinical grades are determined primarily by Grading Conference, a time set aside for evaluating student performance at the end of the rotation. Attendings, residents and interns are included and all contribute to reach a consensus for your clinical grade. Attendance at mandatory didactics is also factored. There will be opportunities to discuss results of grading conference with Dr. Chretien (to focus on constructive comments, not on grades) if desired to help prepare you for the next rotation.